

(iii) in a synchronized manner

(iv) such that subsequent retrieval and playback

(1) of the associated visual information and the captured image and/or audio

(2) is in a manner representing the relationship in which they were created.

REMARKS

This is a Rule 53 Continued Prosecution Application in which the examiner issued a first Office Action on December 1, 1998. This application is also related to commonly assigned, and now allowed, Application 08/661,530.

This Amendment follows an Examiner interview on Thursday, May 14, 1998, and an Amendment, unentered under Rule 116, filed on May 12, 1998. As per the Examiner interview, and in parallel to the claims allowed by this Examiner in sister application 08/661,530, this Amendment reflects the association between the audio and/or video "conferences," on the one hand, and a related data "conference," on the other.

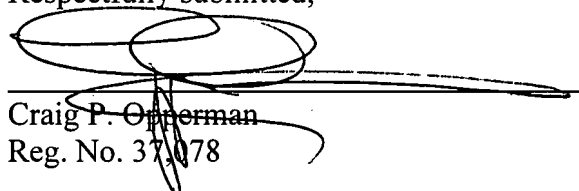
Thus, there is a timing relationship between the creation of the audio/video and the generation of the data images at the time of creation/generation. This could, for example, occur when audible voice coupled with a visual gesticulation are both directed to a computer-generated image displayed on the screen. When subsequently retrieved, the retrieved "event" accurately reproduces the related sights, sounds, and data of the original event.

This characterization of the invention in these claims was agreed to for the purpose of more clearly pointing out and describing Applicants' invention, and not because of any art of

record. It is respectfully submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance. Similarly, the cancellation of the claims and their replacement with new claims is for improvement in format and not in response to prior art.

If any issues remain unresolved despite the present amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney, Craig P. Opperman, at (650) 843-5115 to discuss these matters before issuing an Office Action.

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